

# The Decemberists, The Island

## "1. Come and See"

There's an island hidden in the sound  
Lapping currents lay your boat aground  
Affix your barb and bayonet  
The curlews carve their arabesques  
And sorrow fills the silence all around  
Come and see

There's a harbor lost within the reeds  
A jetty caught in overhanging trees  
Among the bones of cormorants  
No boot-mark here nor fingerprint  
The rivers roll down to a soundless sea  
Come and see

"The tides all come and go witnessed by no waking eye  
The willows mark the wind  
And all we know for sure amidst this fading light  
We'll not go home again  
Come and see"

In the lowlands, nestled in the heath  
A briar-cradle rocks its babe to sleep  
Its contents watched by Sycorax and Patagon in parallax  
A foretold rumbling sounds below the deep  
Come and see

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## "2. The Landlord's Daughter"

As I was a-ramble down by the water  
I spied in sable the landlord's daughter

I produced my pistol, then my saber  
Said, "Make no whistle or thou will be murdered!"

She cursed, she shivered, she cried for mercy  
&quot;My gold and silver if thou will release me!"

&quot;I'll take no gold, miss. I'll take no silver.  
But I'll take those sweet lips and thou will deliver!"

## "3. You'll Not Feel the Drowning"

I will dress your eyelids  
W' dimes upon your eyes  
Lay you close to water  
Green your grave will rise

"Go to sleep now, little ugly  
Go to sleep now, you little fool  
Forty winking in the belfry  
You'll not feel the drowning  
You'll not feel the drowning"

Forget you once had sweethearts  
They've forgotten you  
Think you not on parents

They've forgotten you too

"Go to sleep now, little ugly  
Go to sleep now, you little fool  
Forty winking in the belfry  
You'll not feel the drowning  
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Hear you now the captain  
Heave his sorrow'd cry  
The weight upon your eyelids  
Is dimes laid on your eyes